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SUBJ: COSTA RICANS ON THEIR INTERNATIONAL IMAGE

1. IN AN EDITORIAL THAT REFLECTS HOW COSTA RICANS GENERALLY FEEL
ABOUT THEIR COUNTRY'S INTERNATIONAL IMAGE, PRO-GOVERNMENT EXCELSIOR
SEPT 20 TICKED OFF FOLLOWING RECENT MANIFESTATIONS OF HIGH REGARD
FROM ABROAD:

A. PRESIDENT CARTER'S FINAL BILATERAL FOLLOWING SIGNING OF CANAL
TREATY WAS RESERVED FOR THE PRESIDENT OF COSTA RICA;

B. GENERAL TORRIJOS ASKED PRESIDENT ODUBER TO PROPOSE TOAST ON
OCCASION OF SIGNING OF TREATY;

C. RECENT VISITS OF MRS CARTER AND AMBASSADOR YOUNG, FRG PRESIDENT
SCHEEL, AND SPANISH KING JUAN CARLOS; INVITATION TO PRESIDENT
ODUBER TO VISIT GREAT BRITAIN;

D. RECENT TIME MAGAZINE ARTICLE CALLING COSTA RICA A "PERFECT
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DEMOCRACY".

2. ACCORDING TO EXCELSIOR, COSTA RICA IS SO WELL REGARDED BECAUSE
IT:
--IS A FUNCTIONING DEMOCRACY;
--PROVIDES ITS CITIZENS WITH SIGNIFICANT AND UNIVERSAL HEALTH,
EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE BENEFITS;

--IS COMMITTED TO ALLEVIATING POVERTY AND PROMOTING SOCIAL JUSTICE;
--EFFECTIVELY IS RAISING THE STANDARD OF LIVING OF ITS PEOPLE.

3. EXCELSIOR RECOGNIZES THAT COSTA RICA IS FACED WITH A NUMBER OF PROBLEMS, AND CONTENDS THAT THE ODUBER ADMINISTRATION IS RESOLVING THEM. THE NEWSPAPER CONCLUDES THAT "IN SPITE OF ITS DETRACTORS, THE ODUBER GOVERNMENT HAS INCREASED COSTA RICA'S GOOD REPUTATION AND PRESITIGE." THIS HAS BEEN DONE, THE PAPER NOTES, DESPITE ATTEMPTS TO PORTRAY THE NATION AS A REFUGE FOR CRIMINALS AND FUGITIVES.
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